

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on June 16, 2005, claims 1-26, 41-65, 67, 68 and 70-81 were pending. Claims 1-12 and 14-26 were rejected, and claims 13, 41-65, 67, 68 and 70-81 were allowed.

Claims 14, 15, 21 and 22 have been amended. The amended claims do not contain new matter, and support for the amendments can be found in the originally filed specification and claims. Claims 1-12, 24 and 25 have been cancelled.

In the Office Action at page 2, claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 3 has been cancelled so this rejection is now moot.

In the Office Action at page 2, claims 1-10 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,811,192 ("Takahama"). Claims 1-10 have been cancelled so the rejection of those claims is now moot. Claim 21 depends on claim 13 which was previously allowed and is now allowable since it is dependent on an allowed claim. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection of claim 21.

In the Office Action at page 4, claims 1-6, 10-12, 14-18 and 21-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,238,738 ("McCurdy") in view of Takahama. Claims 1-6, 10-12, 24 and 25 have been cancelled so the rejection of those claims is now moot. Claims 14-18, 21-23 and 26 depend on claim 13 which was previously allowed and are now allowable since they are dependent on an allowed claim. Applicants

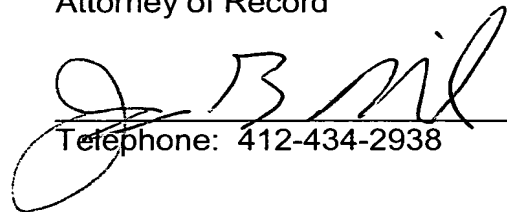
respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection of claims 14-18, 21-23 and 26.

In the Office Action, claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McCurdy in view of Takahama. Claims 19 and 20 depend on claim 13 which was previously allowed and are now allowable since they are dependent on an allowed claim. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection of claims 19 and 20.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented in this correspondence, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 13-23, 26, 41-65, 67, 68 and 70-81. If any questions remain about this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below. Thank you.

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